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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line number 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Various information delivery modes are discussed next. The user can request on demand information using a speech user interface on a telephone. When the delivery agent is instructed by the user to deliver information to the user, the agent looks for the most recent data block associated with the requested content type. The delivery agent may also send this information to the user at specific times according to a user defined profile.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. [Amended] A method for processing a signal stream, the signal stream having an audio component and a closed caption text component, the method comprising:

locating in the text component a marker text string, the marker text string being one of a set of text strings, each text string in the set made up of at least one word, phrase, or character; generating an audio pattern representative of the located marker text string; locating the audio pattern in the audio component; and

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